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**Governor McCallum Appoints Herrera**

Governor Scott McCallum announced on March 30, 2001, that he had appointed Oscar Herrera as the Secretary of the Department of Regulation and Licensing. Herrera has served sixteen years in state government including from 1999 to the time of his appointment as the Director of the Bureau of Minority Business Development in the Department of Commerce. From 1992 to 1998 he was the Director of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program in the Department of Administration, and from 1985 to 1991 worked as a program and planning analyst with the Coastal Management Program. He was twice awarded the Department of Administration's Exceptional Performance Award.

Herrera was born and raised in Mexico City. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the National University of Mexico and a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Chapingo in Mexico. He also attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he obtained a Master's degree in Continuing and Vocational Education and completed Doctoral studies (Ph.D.abd) in Development.

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**Statistics**

Number of active registered interior designers – 342

The number of complaints against registered interior designers – 0

**Continuing Education**

The next deadline for mandatory continuing education requirements is July 31, 2002. If you would like to renew in a timely manner for the 2-year period following July 31, 2002, most of you must complete 9 hours of an approved educational program by the deadline. You may complete the education after the renewal deadline; however, your registration will not be renewed until you have completed the education and you will be required to pay a \$25 late filing fee, in addition to the regular renewal fee. This continuing education requirement does not apply to a person who is initially registered between January 2, 2002 and July 31, 2002.

**Fee Changes in Biennial Budget Bill**

Governor Scott McCallum signed the Biennial Budget Bill into law as 2001 Wisconsin Act 16. This Act changes the registration fees as follows:

Original registration of an interior designer - \$44 \$53

Renewal of interior design registration - \$47 \$56

**Information on the Internet**

The state of Wisconsin now has a relatively-new portal on the Internet that enables persons to access all state agencies and services from this single entry point. The portal is in its infancy stage; however, it will grow and develop very quickly. Simply enter the following Web address: <http://www.wisconsin.gov/>

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If you click on "Agency Index", you will find the Department of Regulation & Licensing in the alphabetical list. Be sure to check out our site, because it has recently been revised and it, too, continues to grow. Please note the new "Search" feature that is now on the Department's Home Page. Eventually, our site will have application forms that you will be able to fill out and submit electronically, as well as more informational documents. At the end of 2000, real estate agents were the first group of licensees that were able to renew their licenses electronically on the Internet. During the next year or two some more organizations and individuals will be able to renew on the Internet.

Be sure to click on some other agencies that provide services that may be beneficial to you.

## Use of Electronic Stamps

The Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors has recently begun rule-making to authorize registrants to use electronic signatures, including the use of registration seals or stamps, when submitting drawings and specifications as public documents, **as permitted by the governmental unit receiving the drawings and specifications**. This proposed change will permit registrants to take advantage of available technology and to more efficiently submit original documents required as public records. The new rules will become effective soon.

## New Telephone Directory

The Department of Regulation and Licensing has recently implemented an IVR Auto-Attendant Telephone System. This system may be accessed 24 hours a day for computerized licensing information. We ask for your patience as we perfect the system and remove some of the bugs we have encountered. You may continue to dial the

following telephone number; however, the extension numbers that had been published in past issues of the Regulatory Digest are no longer valid. Please listen to the new menu for the new extension numbers. The number to dial is:

**(608) 266-5511**

Our Fax Number is: **(608) 267-3816**

## Visit the Department's Web Site

[www.drl.state.wi.us](http://www.drl.state.wi.us)

For our "Online Verification of Credential Holders" click on the "Business and Professional License Lookup" button on the Department's home page.

Copies of the Regulatory Digest are on the Web.

Send comments to [web@drl.state.wi.us](mailto:web@drl.state.wi.us)

## Wisconsin Statutes and Code

Copies of the "Statutes and Administrative Code Relating to the Regulation of Interior Designers" can be ordered from the Department.

Include your name, address, county and a check payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the amount of \$5.28. The latest edition is dated November 1997. New registrants receive a copy free of charge.

## Change of Name or Address?

Please photocopy the mailing label of this digest, make changes in name or address, and return it to the Department. Confirmation of changes is not automatically provided.